



A G E N D A

OCONEE COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING

October 5, 2021

6:00 PM

Council Chambers, Oconee County Administrative Offices
415 South Pine Street, Walhalla, SC

Call to Order

Moment of Silence

Invocation by County Council Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

Approval of Minutes

- September 21, 2021 Regular Minutes

County Attorney Comments

County Administrator Comments

Proclamations

PROCLAMATION 2021-13 A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. JULES GROSJEAN, OCONEE AIRPORT OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

PROCLAMATION 2021-14 A PROCLAMATION HONORING MR. DANIEL MATHIS, OCONEE COUNTY ROCK QUARRY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR IV, UPON HIS RETIREMENT

Public Comment Session

[Limited to a total of forty (40) minutes, four (4) minutes per person]

If you are not able to attend in person and you have a comment, you may submit it by emailing ksmith@oconeesc.com or calling 864-718-1023, so that your comment may be read it into the record.

Council Member Comments

Public Hearings for the Following Ordinances

If you would like to be heard during either of the public hearings, please contact Clerk to Council Katie Smith at ksmith@oconeesc.com or 864-718-1023 so that your participation by may be coordinated.

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Ordinance 2021-20 “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO OCONEE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (“ARPA”), AS FOLLOWS: (1) APPROPRIATING THREE MILLION AND 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) DOLLARS OF COUNTY ARPA FUNDING FOR PURPOSES OF NECESSARY WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF SENECA (“SENECA WATER AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT”); (2) AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS, OF UP TO THREE MILLION AND 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) DOLLARS OF SUCH APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE SENECA WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO.”

As directed by Council on August 17, 2021

Third Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-20 [see caption above]

Second Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-21 “AN ORDINANCE TO APPROPRIATE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXPENDITURE OF A PORTION OF LOCAL CORONAVIRUS FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDING THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO OCONEE COUNTY UNDER THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (“ARPA”), AS FOLLOWS: (1) APPROPRIATING TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$2,474,080.00) DOLLARS OF COUNTY ARPA FUNDING FOR PURPOSES OF NECESSARY WATER / WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY OF WALHALLA (“WALHALLA WATER / WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT”); (2) AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN TERMS AND CONDITIONS, OF UP TO TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND, EIGHTY AND 00/100 (\$2,474,080.00) DOLLARS OF SUCH APPROPRIATED FUNDS FOR THE WALHALLA WATER / WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT; AND (3) OTHER MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO.”

As directed by Council on September 7, 2021

First Reading of the Following Ordinances

Ordinance 2021-23 – **TO BE CONSIDERED AFTER EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ordinance 2021-24 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, IN ONE OR MORE SERIES, TAX-EXEMPT OR TAXABLE, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING, OR REHABILITATING VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE KEOWEE FIRE TAX DISTRICT; AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO PRESCRIBE THE FORM AND DETAILS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE BONDS AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE

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PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS; AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

First & Final Reading of the Following Resolutions

RESOLUTION 2021-11

A RESOLUTION CERTIFYING CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY IN OCONEE COUNTY AS AN ABANDONED TEXTILE MILL SITE, INCLUDING PARCELS IDENTIFIED BY TAX MAP NUMBERS 210-00-01-003, 210-00-01-073, 210-00-01-024, AND 210-00-01-023.

Discussion Regarding Action Items

Council approval of Oconee County Conservation Bank expenditure in the amount of \$29,999 for a conservation easement to Oconee Soil & Water Conservation District - William C. Keese, 40.09 acres approved unanimously by the Oconee County Conservation Bank Board on Wednesday, September 29, 2021.

Council Approval of In-kind Materials in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the Foothills Agriculture Resource and Marketing (FARM) Center

Since receiving a South Carolina Department of Agriculture Community grant in 2019, the FARM Center has been working to expand the footprint of the fairgrounds to enlarge educational and agricultural displays for major events, add an access road, and expand parking.

The FARM Center also supports other charitable groups within Oconee County, such as band boosters, baseball teams, FFA and ROTC programs at local schools, the Shriners and the Masons. Additionally, the FARM Center has increased the USDA/DSS Senior Voucher program in Oconee County by creating Market Tokens for seniors to have more dollars to spend on fresh, local, healthy foods. The farmers' market attracted 350 to 450 visitors weekly last year, 80 percent of which were visitors from outside Oconee County, and over 11,000 people pass through the FARM Center annually. In-kind materials will help continue these and other future improvements to the FARM Center property.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council approve in-kind materials in an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for the Foothills Agriculture Resource and Marketing Center for the continuation of improvements.

Purchase of Extreme Network Switches Department: IT Amount: \$ 180,985.10

This purchase is for the replacement of all of the access layer switches at Pine Street and remote locations with Extreme Network switches to include five-year hardware and software support. Extreme Network switches provide advanced network edge features, including cloud-enabled management, on-demand provisioning, and secure branch routing, to provide fast, reliable, and secure wired connectivity.

The current switches are 7-10 years old and have reached their end of life and no longer have technical support. The purchase of the Extreme Network switches will provide an improved infrastructure with simplified management and serviceability. The network refresh will allow Oconee County IT the capability of managing its data, voice and wireless throughout the County upon completion of the county-wide implementation. The new switches will be managed with a cloud-based system. The County is currently utilizing the Extreme Network wireless infrastructure that will tie in with the cloud portal for management.

It is the staff's recommendation that Council:

- 1. Approve the purchase of the county wide Extreme Network switches in the amount of \$180,985.10;**

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2. Authorize the County Administrator to execute the Payment Plan Agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto (or with such material changes as benefit the County, upon advice of the County Attorney), along with such other documents necessary to effect this purchase.

Council Committee Reports

None scheduled for this meeting.

Board & Commission Appointments

The Board & Commission seats listed below are co-terminus with Council District seats and will require [in the 1st quarter of 2021] appointment and/or reappointment as follows:

Building Codes Appeal Board

1 At-Large Seat: No questionnaire on file for this seat

Executive Session

[upon reconvening Council may take a Vote and/or take Action on matters brought up for discussion in Executive Session, if required]

For the following purposes, as allowed for in § 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws:

[1] Receive legal advice and discuss potential litigation related to public nuisance and related issues and complaints.

[2] Receive legal advice and discuss potential contractual matter regarding County-owned real property.

[3] Discuss an Economic Development matter, Project Queso.

[4] Discuss an Economic Development matter, Project Ruby Slipper.

Ordinance 2021-23 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A GROUND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCONEE COUNTY AS LESSOR AND FAIRVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH AS LESSEE FOR CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 16 PADGETT STREET, SENECA, SOUTH CAROLINA; AND OTHER MATTERS RELATED THERETO.

Adjourn

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